

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Frank et al.

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For: Method of Analyzing Granular Composition By Acoustic Emission

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 20, 21, and 23-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers:

7. (Amended.) The method according to claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is in a purified form.

8. (Amended.) The method according to claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is selected from bio-catalysts, therapeutic agents, herbicides, pesticides and fungicides.

17. (Amended.) A process for preparing granules comprising a biologically active compound and optionally auxiliary granulation agents in a granulation apparatus said process comprising the step of performing acoustic emission analysis on the granules in accordance with claim 1 on the granules forming in the granulator.

### REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to cancel claims in order to reduce the filing fee. There is no new matter added, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Sir:

Below is a marked-up version of the amendments made in the accompanying amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 7, 8 and 17 have been amended as follows:

7. (Amended.) The method according to [anyone of claims 1-6] claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is in a purified form.

8. (Amended.) The method according to [anyone of claims 1-6] claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is selected from bio-catalysts, therapeutic agents, herbicides, pesticides and fungicides.

17. (Amended.) A process for preparing granules comprising a biologically active compound and optionally auxiliary granulation agents in a granulation apparatus said process comprising the step of performing acoustic emission analysis on the granules in accordance with [claims 1-16] claim 1 on the granules forming in the granulator.